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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, YE, SA

SUBJECT: YAR ARMS PROGRAM: AIDE-MEMOIRE TO SAG

REF: STATE 083449

1. APPRECIATE REFTEL CLARIFICATION. IF U.S. MIGHT
HAVE TO BEAR CANCELLATION CHARGES WHEN SAG TAKES INITIATIVE--
PER OUR AID MEMOIRE -- TO TERMINATE LOA -- CHANGE OF
SORT PROPOSED STATE 081654 IS MORE UNDERSTANDABLE.

2. ALSO APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION THAT AIDE MEMOIRE DOES
NOT HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH YARG.

3. POINT REMAINS THAT IF LOA WILL PEN AND INK
CHANGES WHICH CONSPICUOUSLY FLAG SAUDI VETO POWE
TI SHANDED TO YARG, RESULT WILL BE YAR IMISUNDERSTANDING,
SUSPICION AND RESENTMENT. WE WOULD PREFER TO SUGGEST
TO SAUDIS THAT THEY REPLY TO OUR AIDE MEMOIRE SAYING
THAT IF THEY EXERCISE RIGHT TO HALT SHIPMENTS, THEY
WILL BEAR CANCELLATION COSTS?

4. ON BALANCE, BELIEVE BEST APPROACH IS SIMPLY

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TO PUT QUESTION TO SULTAN, AS SUGGESTED ORIGINAL

STATE TELEGRAM. IF HE PREFERS CHANGES IN
LOA RATHER THAN PRIVATE REPLY TO UR AIDE
MEMOIRE, SO BE IT.
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